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In re Application of:

Wei-Wu HE Group Art Unit: 1631

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, after the title, insert the following text:

--This application claims the benefit of U.S. application Serial No. 09/166,789, filed October 6, 1998, which is now abandoned and U.S. application Serial No. 09/412,565 which is now U.S. Patent No. 6,316,193.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 11-18 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed therein.

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